

Local Government Grant Update

Division of Administration, Office of Community Development, State Grants Management Section

Competitive Grants to Deal with Natural Disasters

All of Louisiana continues to experience the dramatic effects of Katrina and Rita. The Louisiana Recovery Authority has targeted the **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program** as an early step in the long term recovery process for the 26 southern parishes in the direct path of either storm.

Hazard mitigation is defined as any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property from a hazard event. Hazard mitigation results in long-term, cost-effective, and environmentally-sound reduction of hazard vulnerability. The goal of hazard mitigation is to save lives and reduce property damage.

FEMA's Hazard Mitiga-

tion Grant Program provides state and local governments with funds to:

- Reduce or eliminate future risk to lives and property from natural hazards.
- Implement projects in accordance with the state or local hazard mitigation plan.
- Implement mitigation measures during recovery from a disaster.
- Update an approved mitigation plan.

The state, through the LA Recovery Authority (LRA), will select the grant applications to submit to FEMA , who approves applications for funding. Examples of projects that can be submitted are:

- Acquiring and relocating structures from

hazard-prone areas.

- Retrofitting structures to protect them from floods, high winds, earthquakes, or other natural disasters.
- Construction of certain minor flood control projects (drainage, pumping stations)
- Constructing "safe rooms" in schools in tornado-prone areas.

Local governments must have a FEMA approved plan in order to apply for project monies. All parishes have received grants from the LA Office of Emergency Preparedness to write a Hazard Mitigation Plan , but less than a dozen parishes are projected to have plans approved by the deadline.

More information: <http://lra.louisiana.gov/>



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FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grant Program

The **Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM)** program provides funds to states, territories, Indian tribal governments, and communities for developing a Hazard Mitigation Plan and/or implementing mitigation projects prior to a disaster event. There must be an existing Hazard Mitigation Plan in place for applications implementing a project to be considered. The PDM program provides technical and financial assistance for cost-effective pre-disaster hazard mitigation activities that complement a comprehensive mitigation program, and reduce injuries, loss of life, and damage and destruction of property.

The State, through the Office of Emergency Preparedness, will select 5 grant sub-applications for submission to FEMA. Although the deadline for Fiscal Year 2006 PDM grant applications is March 3, 2006, grant sub-applications should be submitted by **February 3, 2006** in order to be considered by OEP for inclusion.

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The Corporation for National & Community Service is offering the **2006 Learn and Serve America Community-Based Grant Program**. The purpose of this grant is to promote the development and sustainability of high-quality community-based service-learning programs in youth-serving community organizations across the nation. Funds will be used by intermediary organizations to create curriculum materials; support training and technical assistance activities; make sub-grants to local organizations that will implement service-learning programs for youth ages five to seventeen; and strengthen, expand, and anchor a network of youth-serving community-based organizations that implement service-learning programs.

CFDA #: 94.004

Due Date: March 7, 2006

Amount: \$350,000-\$500,000

Website:

http://www.learnandserve.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa_detail.asp?tbl_nofa_id=18



for the Prevention of Fire-Related Injuries. The purpose of this grant is to reduce the number of residential fire-related injuries and fatalities in high-risk communities.

Due Date: January 3, 2006

Grant amount: \$143,000

Website: <http://www.cdc.gov/od/rgo/funding/CE06-601.htm>

CFDA #: 93.136



The U.S. Department of Justice's Office for Victims of Crime is offering **Outreach Programs** to provide timely assistance to jurisdictions to address victim needs in the aftermath of an act of terrorism or mass violence. Funds will be awarded for the following purposes only:

- to compensate and assist victims of terrorism and mass violence that occur within the United States
- to assist victims of terrorism and mass violence that occur outside the United States.

Due Date: Open

Amount: Case by Case Basis
(approximately \$5,000)

Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/expandingoutreach/welcome.html>

U.S. Justice Fund

The U.S. Justice Fund is offering **The After Prison Initiative**. The purpose of this fund is to work against the criminalization of race and poverty by promoting public policies and private initiatives that support successful re-entry and reintegration of people returning from prison. The After Prison Initiative funds advocacy, coalition building, public education, impact litigation, and policy-driven research

analysis that promote investment in community infrastructure instead of prisons. The program encourages civic participation and leadership by former prisoners in justice-policy reform; facilitates their access to work, housing, education, health care, and political participation; and creates cross-sector, neighborhood-based restorative reentry strategies to replace the surveillance orientation of parole and other community penalties.

Due Date: Open

Amount: Case by Case

Website: http://www.soros.org/initiatives/justice/focus_areas/after_prison/guidelines



The National Endowment for the Humanities is offering the **We the People Challenge Grants in United States History, Institutions, and Culture**.

The purpose of this grant is to help institutions and organizations secure long-term improvements in and support for humanities activities that explore significant themes and events in American history, thereby advancing knowledge of the founding principles of the United States in their full historical and institutional context. Grants may be used to support long-term costs such as construction and renovation, purchase of equipment, acquisitions, and conservation of collections. Grants may also be used to establish or enhance endowments that generate expendable earnings for program activities.

Due Date: February 1, 2006

Amount: Up to \$1,000,000

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/wtpchallenge.html>



The United States Department of Agriculture is offering the **Solid Waste Management Grant**.

The purpose of this grant is to evaluate current landfill conditions to determine threats to water resources in rural areas; provide technical assistance and/or training to enhance operator skills in the maintenance and operation of active landfills in rural areas; provide technical assistance and/or training to help associations reduce the solid waste stream; and provide technical assistance and/or training for operators of landfills in rural areas which are closed or will be closed in the near future with the development/implementation of closure plans, future land use plans, safety and maintenance planning, and closure scheduling within permit requirements.

Amount: Up to \$868,000.00

Deadline: December 31, 2005

Website: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/>



The United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women is offering grants to the **Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program**.

The purpose of this grant is to encourage communities to adopt a coordinated community response in the treatment of domestic violence as a serious violation of criminal law. This program challenges the entire community to listen, communicate, identify problems, and share ideas that will result in new responses to

ensure victim safety and offender accountability.

Due Date: January 11, 2006

Amount: Depends on population

Website:

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/docs/FY06ArrestSolicitation_OWV.pdf



The U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science is offering the 2006 **NCLIS Health Awards for Libraries**.

The purpose of this grant is to help solve a critical national problem by tapping into the creativity of the nation's 120,000 libraries. Because of their broad reach, libraries are uniquely equipped to disseminate information about health promotion and to encourage healthy lifestyles. People of all ages, races, and economic levels use libraries. Nationwide, visits to public libraries totaled 1.2 billion per year, or 4.3 library visits per capita.

The 2006 NCLIS Health Awards for Libraries program celebrates the role of libraries in community-based health promotion and recognizes the unique contributions libraries can make because of their extensive information resources and their diverse customer base.

Due Date: January 31, 2006

Amount: Three tiers of awards.

Website: <http://www.nclis.gov/award/award.cfm>



Approximately \$10.2 million in five year funding is available for approximately 250 vouchers for supportive housing for persons with disabilities. The purpose of the **Mainstream Program** is to provide vouchers under the Housing Choice Voucher Program to enable persons

with disabilities (elderly and non-elderly) to access affordable private housing. Public housing agencies (PHAs) and nonprofit organizations that provide services to the disabled are eligible to apply.

Deadline: January 3, 2006

Website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa05/other/mhop.pdf>



The American Library Association and the National Endowment for the Humanities are collaborating to present **We the People Bookshelf**, a program to encourage young people to understand great literature while exploring themes in American history.

Public and school libraries are invited to apply to be one of 1,000 libraries selected to receive a collection of books for K-12th grade students. More information is available on www.ala.org/ala/ppo/currentprograms/wethepeople/wepeople.htm. The application is submitted online and is due by January 17, 2006.



Has your public library made significant improvement or created new initiatives in programs that greatly impact student learning and development, or enrich services both in the school and in the community the past three years? If so, it may be eligible for a **GIANT STEP award** of \$10,000. More information is available at: www.galeschools.com/grant_goldmine/giant_award/about_giant.htm

Prospect Research for Local Governments
Getting Connected in the Grant World!

The Federal Register

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>

- Scroll down to **Other Services**
- Click on Sign up
- Click on Online mailing list archives
- Click on FEDREGTOC-L to sign up for email notifications

Federal Grants

<http://www.fedgrants.gov>

- Click on Applicant
- Click on Applicant Notification Service
- Click on one of the four options available

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[http://www.channing-bete.com/
fundinginformation/](http://www.channing-bete.com/fundinginformation/)

*This newsletter provides grant opportunities for
Education, Community Development, Health,
Public Safety, and Youth Development*

FEMA's Grant Office

<http://www.fema.gov/fima/pdmclist05.shtm>

**Does your School Board Have a
DUNS and CCR Number?**



In order to apply for a federal grant, the applicant needs to have a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number. A Central Contractor Registration (CCR) number is also required for online applications. This number is required for on-line applications through www.grants.gov. You can register for these two numbers at www.ccr.gov. Click on "New Registration" in order to begin the process for both numbers.

SGMS is on the WEB!

Check out our new website for grant opportunities and access to our grant database. The website is :

[Http://www.doa.state.la.us/cdbg/sgmshome.htm](http://www.doa.state.la.us/cdbg/sgmshome.htm)

***Let the Louisiana State Grants Management Section help you
find federal and private funding.***



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